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The late Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia used to say that when he made a mistake it was always a "Beaut!"

President Kennedy has not said anything like that yet, but, well—there is that "invasion" of Cuba!

Frankly, we have such high regard for President Kennedy that, like him, we would rather not talk about the invasion of Cuba at all.

But the blunder was so colossal that it leaves one wondering how a man of President Kennedy's perception could have ever allowed himself to be funnelled into this tunnel of errors.

We think we know the answer.

Though John F. Kennedy has taken full responsibility, this Cuban debacle wasn't his hand, or the head, of John F. Kennedy at work.

And because we have such high regard for John F. Kennedy's future, we hope that if and when we are ever again faced with such a situation, both the hand and head of John F. Kennedy will be at the helm of the Ship of State and not the hand or the head of Allan Dulles. Mr. Dulles is our top counter-spy.

Frankly, we do not believe that Mr. Dulles knows what's happening. It sounds almost incredible that a man on whom we depend for information on the enemy, could watch a handful of Cubans flexing their muscles and doing calisthenics on the beach at Miami and think that these people could be molded into an army that would assault the beaches of Cuba and land Premier Fidel Castro in his palace den.

These things might happen in the movies or in fairy tales but they simply don't happen in real life, 1961, to people armed with Russian missiles and tanks.

And we suggest that Mr. Dulles or any of his associates believe that any of these things happen that way, Mr. Kennedy had better get rid of them and get rid of them in a hurry.

One of President Kennedy's strong points thus far has been that he obviously relies on close contact with the people to make his decisions. We believe he won the election that way. And we believe that his popularity up to this point is based on this factor.

But obviously in the Cuban situation, the President lost his contact with the people.

What happens when a leader loses such contact is now plain for the whole world to see.

We admire the President for accepting the full responsibility of this error, though we know that the error was not all his.

It takes a big man to admit he has made a mistake.

But John F. Kennedy has admitted that he made a mistake in Cuba. And in fond memory of Fiorello LaGuardia, we might add that it was a "Beaut!"

Now let's get on with the job in true JFK fashion.